

**Metrolink St. Clair Extension**  
**St. Louis, Missouri Metropolitan Area**  
(November 2002)

## **Description**

The Bi-State Development Agency (BSDA) has completed a 17.4-mile Minimum Operable Segment (MOS) Light Rail Transit (LRT) extension from the existing MetroLink line (opened in July 1993) in East St. Louis, Illinois, to Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) in St. Clair County, Illinois. The project included eight new stations and modifications to the existing station at 5th Street/Missouri, seven park-and-ride lots, 20 new light rail vehicles, and a new vehicle maintenance facility in East St. Louis, Illinois. The MetroLink St. Clair extension was opened for revenue operations in May 2001. The daily ridership of 13,502 was projected for 2010. The current ridership is 14,083 average riders per day.

The MOS extension is part of a 26-mile LRT line from downtown East St. Louis, Illinois through SWIC (formerly known as Belleville Area College) and Scott Air Force Base to the Mid America Airport in St. Clair County.

The total project cost under the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) is \$339.20 million. The Section 5309 New Starts share funding for the project is \$243.93 million.

## **Status**

The East-West Gateway Coordinating Council (local Metropolitan Planning Organization) completed a Major Investment Study and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project in 1995. A Preliminary Engineering and Final EIS for the full 26-mile project were completed in August 1996 and a Record of Decision was issued in September 1996. FTA approved the project into Final Design in October 1996. An FFGA was awarded on October 17, 1996 with a revenue operations date scheduled for September 30, 2001. The FFGA authorized BSDA to design and construct the MOS with provisions for extending the system should funding become available at a later date. The MOS was opened for revenue operations in May 2001. The Final Design has been completed for two additional segments of the entire 26-mile LRT corridor. Phase IIB extends the line 3.5 miles from SWIC to Scott Air Force Base, and Phase IIC extends the system 5.4 miles to Mid America Airport. Phase IIB is locally funded and is currently under construction.

Through FY 2002, Congress has appropriated \$240.56 million in Section 5309 New Starts funds for the FFGA-covered MOS portion of the project. An additional \$8.5 million in Section 5309 New Starts funds were previously appropriated, but not included in the FFGA scope.

<b>Reported in 1996 Dollars</b>		
<b><u>Source of Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Total Funding (million)</u></b>	<b><u>Appropriations to Date</u></b>
<b>Federal:</b> Section 5309 New Starts FFGA Commitment	\$243.93	\$240.04 million appropriated through FY 2002*
<b>Local:</b> $\frac{3}{4}$ % Sales Tax	\$95.27	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$339.20</b>	

**NOTE:** Total may not add due to rounding.

\*An additional \$8.5 million in Section 5309 New Starts funds was appropriated to the project in prior years, but was not included in the FFGA scope. This brings the total amount appropriated to the Metrolink St. Clair Extension to \$249.04 million.

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